

Fall 2021



Dear Bedford Families:

The past two years have been extraordinary ones for us all. As students head back to school—in person, fulltime—we feel a tentative sense of normalcy returning, even as necessary COVID protocols remain in place for students and staff.

Bedford Patrons of Music Students (POMS) exists to support our music department faculty and students at all four public schools. As music instruction has been limited or modified during the pandemic, we have worked hard to make sure teachers have the tools and supplies they need to keep students engaged and learning. We are grateful for the tremendous support of our parent and community backers over the past two years.

We don't know exactly what the rest of this school year will bring. POMS is happy to be back in the Snack Shack at BHS home football games, feeding hungry fans and raising money to support student music. Music classrooms from Davis to BHS are humming with activity, as teachers prepare for the potential return of in-person concerts and musicals, while making backup plans and modifications to keep students, staff, and families safe.

Your support of POMS has a direct impact on music education in Bedford. Donations to our Annual Appeal help POMS offer resources and tangible supports, including:

- **Stipends** for every music teacher in the district to support classroom activities;
- **Wish-list items** requested by the music teachers to enhance their curricula;
- Affordable and easily accessible **private music lessons** for students from K-12;
- Supplemental funding for costumes and other costs for **extracurricular musical activities**, including the JGMS and BHS musicals; and
- **Scholarships** for BHS graduating seniors.

Will you continue Bedford's tradition of strong community support for student music by contributing to this year's Annual Appeal?

POMS is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donation may be tax-deductible. Thank you for joining in POMS's legacy of support by participating in our 2021 Annual Appeal.

With best musical wishes,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Kind".

Gretchen Kind, POMS President

Please donate online at www.bedfordpoms.org or mail contributions to POMS, % Bedford High School, 9 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730. We appreciate [online giving via PayPal](#), to ensure your donations can get to work as soon as possible.

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